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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Schofield

Application No.: 09/740,706

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Title: System and Apparatus for Dropping and Adding  
Optical Data Streams in An Optical Communication  
Network

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 16, 2004, please amend this application as shown in the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-28 are now pending. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.